

**Colusa Subreach Planning Project Advisory Workgroup  
Draft Field Trip and Workshop Summary  
November 7, 2005 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area  
Colusa, CA**

**Summary prepared by Carolyn Penny, Facilitator, Common Ground: Center for  
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Conservation Area Forum**

**Present:**

**AW: Annalena Bronson, Burt Bundy, Mike Fehling, John Garner, Kelly Moroney, Jeff Sutton, and Jon Wrysinski**

**Alternates with AW Member Present: Woody Elliott (Mike Fehling alternate)**

**Staff: Beverley Anderson-Abbs (SRCAF), Michelle Baker (Common Ground), Ellen Gentry (SRCAF), Facilitator Carolyn Penny (Common Ground), Project Manager Gregg Werner (TNC), Seth Paine (TNC)**

**Guests: Michael Perrone (Department of Water Resources)**

**Note: The December 5 AW meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, January 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Agenda**

**Meeting Objectives:**

- To share updates on the work of the Public Recreation and Hydraulic Analysis Subcommittees;
- To share updates on the progress toward the studies of Fiscal and Economic Effects and Regulatory Limitations and Pest Species Effects;
- To experience a variety of habitat restoration sites and potential habitat restoration sites in the Colusa Subreach ; and
- To plan for the December 5 AW meeting.

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Approximate Start Time</u>	<u>Lead Person</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
1.	10:00	Carolyn Penny, Facilitator	Welcome, Introductions, September Meeting Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions. Approve agenda. Approve September summary.</li></ul>
2.	10:10	Gregg Werner, All	Update on Hydraulic Analysis Subcommittee and Public Recreation Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gain an update on the progress of the work of the Hydraulic Analysis Subcommittee and the Public Recreation Subcommittee.</li></ul>
3.	10:25	Gregg Werner, All	Update on Fiscal and Economic Effects study and Regulatory Limitations and Pest Species Effects study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gain an update on the progress toward the Fiscal and Economic Effects study and Regulatory Limitations and Pest Species Effects study.</li></ul>
4.	10:35	Gregg Werner	Overview of Field Trip Sites and Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand workshop plan and points of interest at the sites.</li></ul>
5.	10:45	Public	Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive comment.</li></ul>
6.	11:00	All	Field Trip, including lunch break*	
7.	4:00	All	Next Steps and Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shape next agenda; articulate interim steps.</li></ul>
8.	4:30	Carolyn Penny	Adjourn	

### **Agenda Review and September Summary**

The AW approved the agenda. No changes were suggested for the September meeting summary. Since several AW members were not present, the AW decided that the draft September meeting summary should be distributed again by email with a set time of several days for any suggested changes. After that time and if no changes are suggested, the September summary becomes final.

### **Hydraulic Analysis Subcommittee Update**

The meeting of this Subcommittee (Annalena, Dawit, Francis, Jeff, Jon, and Gregg) was delayed due to efforts to complete contract arrangements with Fran Borcalli and UC Davis. The Subcommittee expects to meet in early December. Gregg noted that the delay is without negative consequence since the group is awaiting LIDAR mapping data in February.

### **Public Recreation Subcommittee Update**

The Public Recreation Subcommittee (Mike, Armand, Pat, Dawit, Francis, Jay Dee, Patty Hickel, and Gregg) met on October 26. They explored coordination with the State Parks General Plan process. They learned that a full General Plan Update is not necessary and have finalized the scope of work. The Request for Proposals was scheduled for distribution on November 14 to MIG, EDAW, and Foothill Design. Interviews are expected at the end of November by Mike, Armand, Pat, and Patty Hickel (City of Colusa.)

The consultant work will have two components. The first is a Master Plan for the State Recreation Area (tied in with the changed boat ramp location) and for the Ward Property (including its connection to the State Park, especially in regard to recreation). The second is a recreation access improvement plan for the entire Subreach.

Gregg expects a completed contract with the consultant in January and a draft plan for AW review in early fall of 2006. The consultants' first step will be a Draft Study Plan for review by the AW.

### **Fiscal and Economic Effects Study**

Gregg shared that consultant interviews were conducted on October 25 by Jeff, Joan, and Gregg. The consultant selected is Economic and Planning Systems (EPS). After the scope of work and the EPS proposal are melded, the six-month contract is expected January, 2006.

Jeff added that he felt that the deciding factor for the selection of the consultant was their flexibility in the determination of economic modeling to be used due to the unique characteristics of the Colusa area.

### **Regulatory Limitations and Pest Species Effects Study**

Gregg informed the AW that the Request for Proposals was distributed to seven entities. Only EDAW submitted a proposal. In order to have some comparison and meet consultant requests for more time in a fair manner, the AW agreed to allow all consultants (including EDAW) two additional weeks for proposals.

Gregg informed the AW that Greg Golet also suggested that peer review be added to the steps of this study.

Kelly inquired whether any new information would be used in regard to pest species effects. Gregg responded that new information would include anecdotal interviews and the information on small mammals from the baseline study. He added that there are also ongoing research projects on insects.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Next Meeting**

Before departing on the field trip, the AW decided that January 9, 2006, would be its next meeting. The agenda topics will be the baseline analysis, updates on the studies and consultant work, and reflections on the November field trip.

The AW decided to keep the date of February 6, 2006 as its meeting date after January 9. It was also agreed that if a January meeting was later determined to not be necessary, the AW would be notified and that the next meeting would be in February.

The field trip locations and agenda are listed on the attachment.

The meeting ended about 4 p.m. without a downpour.